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EMPIRE NETWORK.
IMPERIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
DUTIES OF THE STATE.
SPECIAL COMMISSION SUGGESTED.
(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 27.
The report of the Imperial Wireless Committee recommends that the Post Office should own and operate all Empire wireless stations in Britain alternatively. An exception should be made in the case of Canada and the existing competition between the Post Office and the Anglo-Canadian Wireless Service should be continued, subject to the safeguarding of public interests in any licence granted the Anglo-Canadian Service.

In any licence granted to a private company the State must reserve the right to take possession or to exercise control of the stations in an emergency.
The Leaflet station should be enlarged and the new high power station now being built at Rugby should be extended to a 16-mast station.
A second new station of similar capacity should be erected without delay. Each high-power station should have a wide range and should be equipped with the latest apparatus.

The Post Office should establish an improved business organisation. The present terminal wireless station at Cairo should be removed to the Empire system as soon as the requirements of the Admiralty had been met by other stations and the proposed new high-power stations in India, South Africa and Australia were operating.

An expert wireless telegraphy commission should be requested to report on the extent and cost of a wireless system for the Colonies to complete the Empire network of wireless communications.
Private enterprise should be given facilities to develop wireless communication outside the Empire, subject in the case of Anglo-Continental services to payment of royalties or otherwise, in view of competition between wireless and State-owned cables.

There should be free competition in foreign wireless, subject to the State reserving the right to appropriate, take possession or assume control in the case of national emergency.

WHAT OFFERS?

SHIPPING BOARD FLEET GOING.

SELLING THE LOT.

WASHINGTON, February 28.
The United States Shipping Board has invited bids by March 14 for the entire fleet of 1,335 vessels of which approximately 423 are being operated.
The Board will fix a minimum price after valuation instead of the former terms of a minimum of \$30 a ton.

WOMAN'S TERRIBLE SUICIDE.

LONDON, February 27.
At the inquest on the victims of the Westminster Cathedral tragedy a verdict of suicide was returned.
The Administrator of the Cathedral said the tower would be closed till the balcony had been enclosed to make a fall impossible.
[A Mrs. Davey, of Hamersmith, threw herself over the tower of Westminster Cathedral, together with her two little daughters. She is said to have left a note to her husband saying she was tired of life.]

AMERICA'S THIRST.

ANOTHER PROHIBITION TUSSELE.

NEW LESS DRY BILL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 28.
Forty members of the House of Representatives have announced their intention to introduce a bill next week to legalize the manufacture and sale of beverages of alcoholic content 2.75 per cent. by volume.

HOME POLITICS.

ARTHUR HENDERSON ELECTED.

GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

LONDON, February 28.
The Burnley by-election resulted as follows:—
Mr. Arthur Henderson 24,571.
Mr. Camps 17,534.
[Mr. Arthur Henderson, Home Secretary in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Government, was born in Glasgow in 1863. He served his apprenticeship as a moulder in Newcastle. In 1903 he entered the House of Commons as member for Barnard Castle, Durham, and held the seat till 1918. In 1919 he became member for the Widnes division, and from 1922-3 represented Newcastle East. He lost his seat at the last election. Mr. Henderson has served on many Government and public committees and Royal Commissions. He was a member of the Government during part of the war, member of the Cabinet War Committee 1916-17, and of the Government Mission to Russia in 1917, in which year he and Mr. Lloyd George quarrelled. Mr. Henderson, who was made a Privy Councillor in 1915, is a Wesleyan and an abstainer. Two of his sons entered Parliament at the recent election.]

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE

BERLIN, February 28.
In view of Mr. MacDonald's recent statement, it is noteworthy that the Foreign Minister Herr Stresemann, in a speech delivered in the Reichstag, declared the government had not rejected in principle the idea of entering the League of Nations, but had not received an invitation from a responsible quarter.
Herr Stresemann further stressed the necessity of guaranteeing full and unconditional rights if membership in the League were extended to Germany, including membership of the Council.

TRIAL IN CAMERA.

MUNICH, February 28.
Except for an hour the proceedings in the Ludendorff and Hitler trial were held in camera. It is anticipated that there will be very few public sittings.
[General Ludendorff, Adolf von Hitler and seven others are being charged with high treason in connection with the Bavarian Monarchist revolt.]

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION.

WASHINGTON, February 28.
The Senate Immigration Committee has decided to recommend the retention of the census of 1910 as the base for the allocation of immigration quotas, but has favoured the reducing of the percentage admitted from three to two per cent of the 1910 total.

BERLIN QUIETER.

BERLIN, February 27.
Herr Ebert, the President, has decreed the raising of the military state of emergency and the removal of restrictions on personal liberty and the freedom of the press, and public open air meetings. Processions, however, are prohibited.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Carter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1923, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th day of February, 1924, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of 95,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each, (\$7.50 paid up).

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

M. Poincaré, in his speech, dealt at some length with the work of the expert committees and Reparations generally.

No insurmountable difficulties now stand in the way, it is stated in Paris, of a final agreement with Madrid in regard to the Tangier problem.

Five changes have been made in the Scotland Fifteen selected to oppose Wales a fourth time from the team which was beaten by France in Paris.

A Diplomatic Correspondent contributes additional interesting details of events leading up to the arbitration of proceedings for an agreement between Italy and Serbia.

For the first time in twenty-nine years England was successful in an International Rugby Football match on the Swansea ground against Wales, winning by 17 points to 9.

"Madam Butterfly" was produced by the British National Opera Company and attracted one of the largest audiences seen at Covent Garden since the inauguration of the present enterprise.

During the week-end a remarkable decline in the number of fresh cases of foot-and-mouth disease was recorded, only eleven outbreaks being reported. Compensation paid to date amounts to £2,475,000.

Of the four London clubs engaged in the First Division of the Football League, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur were victorious, the Arsenal being defeated by Cardiff City, and West Ham drawing with Blackburn Rovers.

Mr. W. J. Leonard, senior partner of Messrs. Carless, Capel, and Leonard, Hope Chemical Works, left estate of the gross value of £389,023. Testator made many bequests to various charitable and educational organizations.

While the "City of Madrid," of the City Line, was proceeding from Boulogne to Newport, Mon., her main steam pipe burst. Fortunately no one was hurt. She had a very trying experience during the violent gale but managed to reach harbour.

In a speech to the House of Representatives Naval Committee, Mr. Denby, the Navy Secretary, said the object of the "Shenandoah's" trip was to explore the Arctic regions with a view to annexing the land in that area to the United States.

During the American navy manoeuvres, in which it was assumed that the enemy were endeavouring to prevent the Pacific fleet joining the Atlantic fleet, the American fleet suffered a decisive defeat, and the "enemy" secured control of the Panama Canal.

A despatch from Washington announces that the United States cruisers "Omaha" and "Richmond" and six destroyers have been ordered to proceed to Vera Cruz. It is stated that Mexican harbours controlled by the revolutionaries are to be mined. Mines have already been placed in Salina Cruz Harbour.

After a heated debate in the Council of the Central Provinces, the Swarajists carried by 44 votes to 22 a no-confidence motion. The Council was adjourned sine die. The mover of the resolution stated that their object was to leave up the administration, and leave the Governor to carry on, but not in the name of the electorate.

It is proposed to build a public-house on the Becontree housing estates of the London County Council. The building is to provide accommodation of a high-class character and facilities for promoting the social welfare of the community. The scheme is supported by the Housing Committee.

The Pope's letter to the French episcopate, and clergy on the subject of the formation of diocesan boards will, it is believed, be published in Rome. It is stated that the conflict, which has lasted nineteen years, between the Vatican and the French Government.

According to a despatch from Washington only four men out of the hundred available have volunteered to go in the "Shenandoah" on her proposed Polar flight. It is stated that the "men" decline to proceed with Captain McGarry as Commander, preferring Captain Arthur Hetherington, the Zeppelin expert, who, however, is only a consultant to the Navy, and is not an American citizen.

UNSOCIABLE ATOMS.

THEIR INDEPENDENT BEHAVIOUR.

In one of the delightful series of Christmas lectures which Sir William Bragg is delivering at the Royal Institution further mysteries connected with atoms were revealed to a youthful audience when there was a crowded attendance. In his opening lecture Sir William pointed out that the whole universe, so far as we know it, is made up of ninety sorts of atoms, and he spoke of the peculiarities of some of these, which have attributes similar to those of members of the human race.

He called them, for instance, "mischievous," and "refuse to associate with their neighbours." There are six of these, with electrons numbering 2, 10, 18, 36, 54, and 86 respectively. Their presence was discovered as a result of experiments conducted by the late Lord Rayleigh, when he was measuring the weight of the various constituents of the atmosphere. A minute discrepancy in his figures revealed the presence of a gas which had until then escaped observation because of its unwillingness to form compounds. This gas was named "argon" (the "lazy one")—a title which is not adequately descriptive, since the gas moves about as quickly as any others of the same size.

Its principal characteristic is its independence of behaviour. With the help of Ramsay, Rayleigh worked out the properties of argon, and this led to the discovery of the others.

Argon has 18 electrons. The atoms with two electrons is helium, the lightest of all atoms except hydrogen, which has only one. But, unlike hydrogen, helium refuses to have anything to do with its neighbours. Why the endowment of two electrons should give the atom such perfect self-satisfaction Sir William could not tell, but it serves one very useful purpose.

Hydrogen has comparatively few uses, but it is particularly useful for airship purposes. In connection with argon, Sir William observed that it was rather curious that it had not been discovered earlier, as the amount in the atmosphere is quite substantial. The air in the theatre of the Royal Institution, he said, weighs nearly three-quarters of a ton, and in that is included argon to the weight of about 18lb. The other unsociable gases are "Neon" (the "new one"), "Krypton" (the "hidden one"), "Xenon" (the "stranger"), and the gas formed by the reason for the unsociability of these atoms, Sir William said, was doubtless connected with the arrangement of their electrons, suggesting a grouping round the nucleus, or their distribution on successive spheres, like the coats of an onion.

Coming to the properties of gases, Sir William explained that the atoms move about rapidly, colliding with one another and with the walls of the vessel which contains them. The bombardment of the walls is the cause of the pressure which the gas exerts upon them. The lecturer blew up a toy balloon and explained that its expansion was due to the increased bombardment of the walls by the atoms. This motion also creates heat, and he said that temperature simply means "going quickly."

When a boy blows up his bicycle tyre the pump gets hot; that is because the atoms are made to dance more quickly, and so develop heat. On the other hand, when gas is allowed to expand, it is chilled.

To the delight of his audience Sir William illustrated the motion of atoms with a number of billiard balls, and a miniature billiard table. Referring to the flight of birds, he pointed out that when a wing was raised the feathers allowed the air to pass through easily, but when the beat of the wing was downward, the feathers locked, preventing the passage of air.

The flight of a golf ball, Sir William continued, depended on the spin put upon the ball. The spin causes a bank of air to form on one side, off which the ball glances.

At a meeting of the City of London Conservative and Unionist Association, Alderman Sir F. Vansittart Bowater was unanimously adopted as their candidate to contest the vacancy created by the elevation of Sir F. Banbury to the peerage.

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LIFE AMONG THE TUAREGS.

Among the Tuaregs of the Sahara the common position of the sexes, as we understand them, is completely reversed. These swartzy brigands—for they lead an existence of murder and plunder—spend all their lives behind a thick, black veil, bedeck themselves with gaudy jewelry, and are afraid to do their own courting, according to an article in the New York American. Nor can they marry until they are able to provide the requisites of a household for their brides, and to do this they murder the unfortunate drivers of passing caravans.

But their savagery pales into insignificance where their women folk are concerned, leaving them perhaps the most unromantic, desolate, and bashful of men. A Tuareg waits patiently and companionless year after year until some desert queen asks for his hand, and then, overjoyed at the thought that a woman has condescended to marry him, willingly supplies her with a wedding dress, turns over to her everything he has in the world, except his weapons, and remains an obedient husband until kicked out of the family tent, which is a common method of procedure, as a rule.

Tuareg women, as a rule, marry more than one husband. What the men lack in showing their charms, however, is more than made up by the women of the tribe. They scorn to wear a veil, and at becoming times are not adverse to appearing as little sisters of "September Morn."

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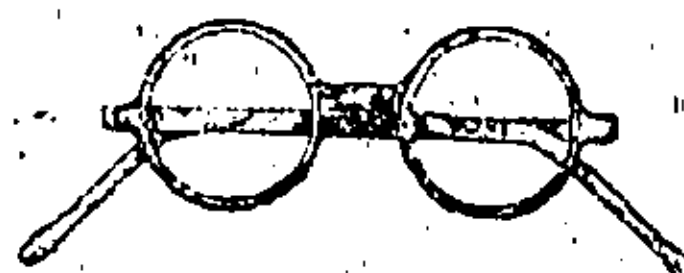
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HONGKONG FRIDAY, FEB. 23, 1924.

OF CABBAGES

There is something so transparently honest in our local form of Government so far as the meetings of its Legislative Councils and Finance Committees are concerned as to appeal and please the most exacting. Critics may say that we have no voice in what is done for our benefit—let us surmise, or in the manner of our Government; but they cannot deny that although perhaps they cannot see why certain things are done, they are told what is done or about to be done. In this way those at least of the community whose civic pride has not withered in a dry and parched desert of non-recognition, and become dead, can evince some interest in what the Council does and the money it spends. Yesterday's Committee sanctioned expenditure of over \$200,000, not the least interesting of which was a matter of \$1,901 for the purchase of bullet proof waistcoats for use by our police. No sane person will grudge that expenditure, but hope that such eminently protective garments will serve their purpose. \$6,000 to recast the accounts of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British

Section, seems rather heavy. We write, not having read the Chairman's explanation, and add that it seems another Sir William Brunyate is needed. \$7,000 is also needed on account of the railway but it appears this is likely to add to the freight earnings of this "absorbing" concern seeing it is to provide a siding to serve a Brickworks. Greater interest will be centred on the item concerning the continuance for at least another year of the Rents Ordinance. In this H.E. the Governor and the Unofficials are united in the common purpose or desire to have it renewed. It is idle speculation to wonder if H.E. would have persisted in his intention to move a resolution renewing the Ordinance if the Unofficial members intended moving contrariwise. The thing is that the Ordinance is to be renewed to the great content of numerous sorely pressed householders. The critic may well say that so far as the Unofficial members of the Council are concerned, the community should not be left in the dark to the very last moment as to their views on such an important matter. We uphold that view and suggest further that should there be the slightest doubt in the minds of our Unofficial members as to the retention of any measure which so vitally affects the welfare of those resident in the Colony—such as this Rents Ordinance—

ance—they will take steps to ascertain the general feeling of the community, either by some public meeting.

Communal Trading.

The University of Hong Kong has made its own which we may be forgiven for calling Communal Trading. The first one is the work of providing itself, its workshops and the surrounding Hostels with electric light for which it has the necessary plant, and to which students give a part of their time to overseeing—at least at one time they did. The Income and expenditure account of the University for 1923 shows

Power Station Earnings, \$8,911.47

Electric Light and Power, 6,397.74

Balance over expenditure, \$2,513.73

We do not know if the University Authorities regard this as a net profit. There is nothing in the accounts to show the value of the power station and its machinery (doubtless this is incorporated under assets in "Buildings, Land and Equipment" \$1,359,150.96) or if depreciation is allowed for and the usual charges common to an ordinary business. It seems therefore impossible to say if the University is saving by this method of "trading" or whether our local Electric Light Co. could supply illumination cheaper. The other effort is the Bookstore account which last year showed a modest profit of \$1,193.31. The bookstore includes "Academic robes" and \$10,000 worth of sales were made last year, as against \$15,842 of purchases. On the figures shown the profits for the year seem exceptionally small and we imagine a concern with a capital of \$13,000 or so would expect to make slightly more than that. Here again the question of allowance for depreciation comes in; also charges to represent light, rent, servants. The stock in hand is inserted at cost price, but we suggest that does not meet the case. "Academic robes" whether worn or not depreciate more or less rapidly in our humid atmosphere, whilst those who collect books know what heart-rending pests cockroaches, silver-fish and bookworms can be. The experiments referred to are interesting but we should like to be assured that they are self-supporting in every way.

Are They Needed?

Do we need a Menagerie (Zoo) and an Aquarium? We have a Museum and a Library of sorts—all sorts, and a few living specimens of animal life are housed at the Botanical Gardens. A local store once tried to meet the menagerie deficiency, but it did not seem to us to be quite successful. We are prompted to the question by reading that a "well-known" man, in a "well-known" town (the number of people and places "well-known" is surprising large) has given an amount equalling \$4,000,000 good Hongkong dollars to build an aquarium, where presumably marine specimens will be housed—or tanked? Manila possesses a neat aquarium, and were we not at the time we paid it a visit reasonable teetotalers, would hardly have credited the fact that "the sea hath its pearls" in such weird varieties. A well equipped Zoo and an Aquarium would add to the Colony's interest and be an educational factor a little out of the ordinary. Instead of sending our snakes—actual snakes we mean, not the fancied ones, to London, we would keep them here. The sight of them would prove a great object lesson. Some of us might say—we said might—"there but for the grace of God goes Bill Adams"—for we presume the popular opinion of a snake is that it "is a loathsome thing, God wot." We have several zoologists in our midst, and feel sure the idea of the institutions we have mentioned would meet with their hearty approval and enthusiastic co-operation. We trust the University authorities will, in the near future, give the matter their expert consideration.

has been established at Yokohama and is taken as the legal order, but the change marks a new era in the hours of Civil Servants. In Whitehall the higher division officials often work long hours. There are many distinguished officials who arrive before 10 a.m. and never leave till after 7 p.m. There are, however, several grades, including over 50,000 officials, whose hours are from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. Many of these men and

centres the whole warm. Bathing accommodation is in a separate building at the rate of one bath to every three tents, with a copious supply of hot and cold water. The tents are earthquake proof. The whole idea to say the least is ingenious and once again proves that necessity is the mother of invention. What about a tent Hotel in the New Territories?

"OLYMPIC" LITERATURE.

At the next Olympic Games to be held in Paris this year, prizes are to be offered for literary compositions relating to sport, games and physical culture. The compositions need not deal with the games themselves. It will be sufficient if they celebrate any form of athletic exercise. The competition is open to the whole world, and poems, essays, stories, argumentative articles, anything in prose or verse is eligible providing it fulfils the condition already mentioned, and does not run to more than 1,000 lines of poetry or 2,000 words of prose. Three Olympic medals, with diplomas, are offered. A very distinguished jury will make the awards. It includes M.M. Gabriele D'Annunzio, Johan Boyer, Paul Claudel, Blasco Ibanez, Maeterlinck, Merikovi, Henri de Regnier, Mrs. Wharton, Mlle. Sema Lagerlof, Mr. Thomas Hardy and the Poet Laureate of England.

COURTESY. The Chinese EFFICIENCY. Club is to orate the statement that "Courtesy is of greater value in business than efficiency." The matter is somewhat weakened by the words "in business." Our opinion is that courtesy goes a long way—the way to making you come back again and we would commend that simple statement of fact to all who are in business.

So far as we know JOHN GAY, the mother-in-law joke is wrought in mystery and in antiquity, yet it never fails to extract a laugh or a guffaw. Generally it is based on the interfering attitude said to be adopted by most mothers-in-law. A joke about good mothers-in-law would never raise a smile. Similarly jokes about married life and a ready response—or references to the vagaries of feminine nature. Why? We do not pretend to know. It was obvious how Gay's satire—some of it very pointed—in his "The Beggar's Opera" went down very well with the audience. There is probably some humour in the sight of a man with five wives all clamouring for his attention, and the attendant situations and cross talk. Certainly only a Gay pen could make such a thing palatable and acceptable. Are we progressing in our sense of humour? Are our humorists competent to express the highest and the best that is to be found in humour leaving out entirely the salacious? We do not pretend to know. Boccaccio's Decameron for instance is a piece of artistic literature, buoyant and fresh; but is there one to justify its attitude to call a spade a spade instead of an agricultural implement? We may hope to have reached a reasonable stage of perfection when the mother-in-law, married life, and domestic infelicity jokes become taboo and it will be considered not the thing either to attempt to indulge in them or to encourage them by immoderate laughter which is now the case.

When H.E. GOVERNMENT the Governor arrived in the Colony it was rumoured that he was a fine man—that he started work early and left at regulation time. The rumour "gingered up" some of our 10 a.m.'s who kept a strict eye on the clock. This may be a legend, but it occurred to us when reading about the hours of Government servants at Whitehall and in Ireland. The question popped up was:—

How many hours a day should State officials work? The question figured on the last agenda of the National Whitley Council, but was not dealt with. Meanwhile, in the Irish Free State a longer working day has been enforced by an order issued by the Minister of Finance.

This order states that as a measure of economy, which will be reviewed after March 31, 1925, the daily attendance of the staff shall be from 9.30 a.m. till 5 p.m. on five days a week and from 9.30 a.m. till 1.30 p.m. on Saturdays. This makes a total, allowing an interval of one hour at lunch-time, of 47½ hours a week, as against 38½. It is true that the Irish Staff Association are protesting, and that counsel's opinion is being taken as to the legality of the order, but the change marks a new era in the hours of Civil Servants. In Whitehall the higher division officials often work long hours. There are many distinguished officials who arrive before 10 a.m. and never leave till after 7 p.m. There are, however, several grades, including over 50,000 officials, whose hours are from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. Many of these men and

women may be seen sauntering into their offices at their leisure in the morning; for there is little serious attempt made to enforce strict punctuality, while they stream out as Big Ben is striking five o'clock. The Treasury, in the interests of the taxpayer, is now suggesting that an eight-hour day shall be general in Whitehall, in accordance with the recommendation of the Anderson Committee. The proposal is being strenuously opposed by the members of the grades concerned.

It is very peculiar. TO LET. At one time there used to be at least twenty flats vacant in Kowloon. Now—In the west end of London we read that boards with "To let" on them have never been seen to such a great extent as now. Unfortunately house hunters here are not in a position to migrate to London.

Some shroffs are TEN regular sleight of CENTERS. hands. We realise that when we suddenly fetch from the inner recesses of our slenderly lined pockets a Singapore ten cent piece, and wonder who has "palmed it" on to us. Time was when such a coin was accepted in Hongkong but not now. Another insult to Singapore!

To-day's Poem.

(Books.)
Dreams, books, are each a world;
And books, we know,
Are a substantial world, both pure
and good;
Round these, with tendrils strong
as flesh and blood,
Our pastime and our happiness
will grow.
—Wordsworth.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 29.

1848. This has been the most unhealthy winter that I ever remember—wet, damp, showery, vapoury, thoroughly trying. We have a very clever novel called Jane Eyre by a new writer. He calls himself Currer Bell.—Miss Mitford.

TRUE.

"The doorsteps to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance."
—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 29.—Coronet Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson in "The Victor."
February 29.—Star Theatre; "Sentimental Tommy."
February 29.—World Theatre; Jane Novak in "Divorce."
February 29.—Mar. 1.—Theatre Royal; 2nd Edition of the "Nine O'clock Revue," 9.15 p.m.
March 1.—Theatre Royal; 4.30 p.m., special matinee "The Beggar's Opera."
March 13.—Theatre Royal; Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.
February 29.—At City Hall, Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.A., 9.30 p.m.
February 29.—Cinematograph display, at the Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.
March 1.—H.V.D.C. Tyro and Corps Championship Competitions, 2 p.m.
March 1 and 3.—H.V.D.C. Open and Corps Revolver Competitions, 2 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

March 4.—Lammert Bros., at No. 4 Broadwood Road, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 5.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dowell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

SERVICE.

March 2.—Confirmation service in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

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STEAMER ASHORE.

CHANCES OF REFLOATING.

There is every chance of refloating the Hongkong-Wuchow steamer "Kochow" which went ashore in a fog about a fortnight ago, at Bak Nei, near Samshui, Hoihow. It is hoped that the steamer will be repaired and put back on her usual run in a few days, says the "Sun" and "Yat Po." Several river steamers which passed the distressed vessel at the time of her grounding attempted to tow her off but the wires and steel-ropes snapped owing to the strain. This last report is based on an examination by engineers who went up from Canton.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 23½; on Shanghai 7¼.
A report from Samshui states that a junk loaded with timber and partly submerged lies ashore on the Flat Rock about 3 miles from Tak Hing chi.

Master Emil Danenberg is to play thirty pieces from his repertoire on March 11, next, and will join his father in duets on two pianos. Mrs. D. J. Brown will sing "Crooning Water" and "Homing," choice examples of the work of Del Riego.

The "China Mail" understands that "Leap Year Extras" will be included in the programme of the dance given by the S. P. C. A. to-night. In "Leap Year Dances" the ladies take a turn in asking partners to dance, and usually the reversal of procedure causes much amusement.
Considerable prominence is given by the Hongkong vernacular papers to a report that Dr. Sun's followers in the Kuomintang party in Canton are particularly busy in preparations for a Presidential election to be carried out shortly in the southern metropolis. Delegates from other parts of the country are urged to hurry to Canton to make the number of votes constitutional. The hint, of course, is in the direction that Dr. Sun will be asked to assume the chief stewardship of the government in the South.

A notification posted up at the Harbour Office states that until further notice borings of the harbour bed will be taken at a distance of from 300 to 600 feet from the Praya wall between Queen Victoria Street and Kennedy Town. One or two junks will be employed on the work and will display a red flag underneath a black ball by day and by night two red lights in a vertical line will be shown. All vessels are to pass well clear and at a slow speed.

Two old men caught by the police at Chun Wan with arms in their possession, one carrying three revolvers and the other 301 revolvers and bullets, were remanded for sentence earlier in the week by Mr. Justice Gompertz. His Honour's intention being to give them a chance to assist the police with information as to where the arms came from. This morning it was reported that the men had not been able to give any useful information and His Honour sentenced each to two years' imprisonment. The penalty would have been heavier. His Honour said, but for the fact that they were old and feeble.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A political correspondent learns that the Hon. Ronald Lindsay, the British Envoy-designate to Turkey, will be succeeded as Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office by Mr. Wellesley, who for a considerable time has been head of the Far Eastern Department.

AN ILLUSION DISPELLED.

THE REAL SIDE OF MARITAL BLISS.

All happy delusions of marital bliss are rudely shattered when the baby cries all night. Father tramps the bedroom floor while mother holds the bottle and the little bundle of innocence yells on with the full power of its diminutive lungs. The distracted father thinks of days of single blessedness and the lady of what her mother would do in such a crisis. As the night wears on, father tears his hair and mother begins to cry. Baby is pelted, soothed, caressed, rocked and sworn at but victory is his—Our picture represents just one of the responsibilities of marriage, looked at through Western eyes. Take a contrast.

The night was beautiful and calm as we stepped on to the ferry boat for Kowloon last night. The world seemed at peace. It was a time for dreams as the boat glided over the silent waters of the Harbour. Nothing could be heard but the splash of the propeller. There were no chattering Chinese to break the harmony of the scene; the lights were low and up above the stars were twinkling merrily. In the front row was a pretty girl. Her silhouette was entrancing and as the boat smoothed over its course, the gentle breeze playfully caressed a stray wisp of hair. She was thrilling and consummated the beauty of the picture. Suddenly a baby began to cry, developing its plaint into a tantalising scream. It was like dropping an exquisite vase on a concrete pavement. The yell increased in volume as the boat sped on. Whether the child was foreign or Chinese could not be told as all babies cry alike. The baby brought us back to earth with a shock. It had either a bone stuck in its throat or was being tortured. When the ferry boat stopped at Kowloon a Chinese woman with a bundle on her back stepped on to the landing stage. She was blithely smoking a rank cigarette and out of the bundle emerged five little fingers grasping a piece of stale toast. We peered into the recesses and saw young China smiling with glee, sucking at the stale toast with relish.
A hint to young married couples: Try stale toast when the baby wakes up in the middle of the night. Turn over on the other side and go to sleep.

TYPHOON BRAVERY.

C.P.O. CLARKE DECORATED.

An incident of last year's typhoon was recalled when, just before yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council began, His Excellency the Governor presented the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal to Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke (not Wilt as inadvertently stated in yesterday's "China Mail"). His Excellency said:—

Before we proceed to business, gentlemen, I have a presentation to make. The following are the circumstances. During the typhoon weather on July 27, 1923, in the forenoon there was a heavy sea running in the harbour; when a Chinese man and woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the Canton Wharf. Mr. Clarke, the Chief Preventive Officer, discharging his zealous and unselfish duty, jumped in and swam towards the man, who clutched him. Mr. Clarke, while being rapidly washed seawards, held up both the man and woman until help was afforded by Mr. Edley, the wharfinger, who reached there with a long bamboo with a hook on it. The sea was so rough that Mr. Clarke could not have reached the praya wall or the pier except for the very prompt action of Mr. Edley. Mr. Clarke was buffeted against the iron girders of the pier, but eventually all were landed. Unfortunately, the woman died afterwards. The Royal Humane Society, they have authorised me to present to Mr. Clarke on their behalf their bronze medal. (Applause.)

THE QUANTS.

AT THE STAR ON SUNDAY.

Star patrons should not forget the special booking of "The Quants" for Sunday night only, at the popular theatre. They are announced to give a clever skit "Underground to Anywhere" which has been called one of the best farcical efforts seen here for a long time.
The full company appears, and it is well for intending visitors to book early. Seats are to be booked at Moutrie's and the Star, and popular prices are the order of the day.

RIVER STEAMER ASHORE.

"HEUNGSHAN" BADLY DAMAGED.

ENTIRE SHIP'S COMPANY SAFE.

BRITISH GUNBOATS' ASSISTANCE.

News reached Hongkong this morning that the well-known river steamer "Heungshan" had gone ashore near Canton. The story of the accident is told in the following message from Canton:—

"Heungshan" ashore badly damaged Junk Rock. All passengers transferred "Kwangsi." No lives lost. Coming down with two tugs. British gunboat standing by. "Fatsan" sails to-night. Further details later.

The "Heungshan" sailed from Hongkong last night at 8 o'clock. She belongs to the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. She has been on the run for twenty years. Her tonnage is 1,796. The "Heungshan" is commanded by Captain D. Thomas, one of the senior skippers of the Canton run. The cause of the mishap is unknown and the only reason nautical men can suggest is the foggy weather.

Junk Rock, where the "Heungshan" went ashore is about twelve miles below Canton in what is known as the Back Reach.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

DRAWINGS AND HANDICAPS.

The following are the drawings in the Hongkong Cricket Club Lawn Tennis tournament, in addition to the open championship events already published:—

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Byes to meet in second round:—

L. Forster v. H. R. Remington.

R. J. Saunders v. A. H. Crook.

C. Stark v. A. R. E. Skinner.

S. Hede v. C. R. Barron.

Humphreys v. R. E. Worthington.

P. A. Redmond v. H. Owen Hughes.

V. G. A. Scott v. A. B. Roworth.

D. S. Green.

First round:—H. B. Cornaby v. R. M. Henderson.

HANDICAP SINGLES: "A".

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FIGHTING LIKELY.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUN YAT-SEN.

LATEST KONGMOON REPORTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, February 28.

Several events point to the

imminence of a campaign against

Dr. Sun in the south of Kwang-

tung province. Ex-Admiral Chan

Chak, who is to be married

in Macao within the next

three days, is expected to be

appointed Commissioner of the

Sze Yip (four districts around

Kongmoon) with his headquarters

here. His former troops, now

commanded by his lieutenant,

Chan Sik-kin, will be sent to the

Yeungkong borders to guard

against invasion from the south.

Troops under First Division

Commander Leung Hung-kai

and Brigadier Yeung Kung-kai

are being embarked daily for

Yeungkong, and the many times

defeated detachments under Wong

Ming-long will remain to garrison the Sunning

and Hoiping districts. One

consequence has been the

pronounced activity of press-gangs

in Sarawai city and Chekhom,

people being afraid to venture out

of doors in the latter place.

[Earlier this week our Canton

correspondent reported pre-

parations in Canton for

sending large bodies of troops to

all the various borders as it

was rumoured that the multi-

farious free-lances aiming at

Dr. Sun's downfall, would make

a combined movement against the

province not later than the second

moon. Ed.—China Mail.]

A fire has broken out at Sunning

city where the Wing Cheong firm

was gutted and suffered loss of

over \$20,000.

The junk-ferry plying from

this port to Canton and Fatsan

have not arrived. It is surmised

that they have been commandeered

and all the other river ferries have

suspended running for fear of a

similar fate.

H.M.S. "Gala" arrived here

on Tuesday. The ship's football

team defeated a combined eleven

from Kongmoon and Pak-kai by

5 to nil on the Pak-kai ground. An-

other match is to be played to-

morrow.

TREAT IN STORE.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S

CONCERT.

The last very successful concert

of this society in December 1923

will be fresh in most of our minds,

and many of the musical public of

Hongkong will be looking forward

to the concert which has been fixed

to take place in the City Hall at

9.15 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th

March, 1938.

The Society unfortunately will

not have the benefit of the ser-

vices of Mr. Temple Bevan as

Conductor, as he is shortly

leaving the Colony on leave. But

Mr. S. Collett has taken over the

baton and from what we have

seen of his work as conductor of

the Hongkong Male Voice Choir,

we believe that the forthcoming

concert will be no less success-

ful than the last.

The programme includes Sir

Charles Villiers Stanford's fine

work "The Revenge" for Chorus

and Orchestra; Dr. Bishop's

"Enough and Grow"; part songs

by Edward German, Rutland

Boughton, Temple Bevan and

others, as well as an interesting

selection of solos, trio, quartet, &c.

Rehearsals are progressing well

and an excellent concert is

promised, for the 29th March,

which date all those interested

would do well to look up in their

diaries right away.

Further particulars will be

announced in due course.

ALLEGED COERCION.

That coercion was used by a

Chinese to get his younger brother

to steal two imitation felt

caps from his employers at a Kau

U Fong shop, and hand them to

him, was alleged by the police in

a case this morning.

First defendant (the elder brother)

was detained on suspicion

with the caps in a pawnshop where

he is said to have offered the caps

for release. Later on he said that

his brother gave them to him and

when the latter (the second de-

fendant) was approached, he is

stated to have accused his brother

of coercing him to steal the

caps.

The case was remanded so that

the charge could be amended

against both defendants.

Peking, February 28.—The

Cabinet considered a report from

Dr. C. T. Wang regarding devel-

opments in Sino-Russian Affairs.

—Reuter.

Peking, February 28.—The

Cabinet this morning voted \$60,000

to be set aside for expenses of the

headquarters of the Tapan of the

North-West frontier affairs, Pong

Yu Hsiang.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MORTGAGES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—I think the University

might have found an investment

for their recent surplus funds by

offering it at reasonable rates of

interest to bona fide builders

or purchasers of their own

dwelling places, on mortgage.

The money would thus have

remained locally and given the

community an added interest—no

pun intended—in the University.

Yours etc.,

EIGHT PERCENT.

Kowloon, February 18.

HOUSING QUERY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—There are many

people in the Colony who, because

of the Demolition Amendment to

the Rents Ordinance, are now

between the Scylla of booking new

accommodation which they may or

may not ultimately require and the

Charybdis of waiting till the last

moment when they will find them-

selves in the streets. Any in-

formation that you can give will,

I feel certain, be highly appreci-

ated.

Owners who have already served

their tenants with three months'

notice as to intention to demolish

are advised by the draft amend-

ment published, to apply to the

Director of Public Works for a

ruling as to whether the projected

demolition is desirable. If it is

deemed desirable, it must be

presumed that the demolition

will be carried out and the

notice holds good. The tenant

therefore arranges to get new

accommodation if obtainable at an

enormous rental and shoe-money.

Should the projected demolition

be undesirable, the tenant is

informed accordingly. But how

are tenants to know that the

notice will not hold good?

The owner may not inform the

tenant that the D.P.W. has

decided that the house shall stand

and to be on the safe side, the

poor occupier pays for another

house. At the end of the three

months, he finds that the owner is

not going to pull down the old

house and that he can remain

living in it. Nevertheless he has

paid for a house which he did not

require. If he had delayed till he

had definitely ascertained that the

house was going to be pulled down,

he would not have sufficient time

to get fresh accommodation.

Since the tenants are to be

protected, they should be in-

formed as soon as the owner

gets his decision from the

D.P.W. as to what will happen.

It is all very well to talk of

"washing-out" the notice to quit

unless substantiated by a permit

from the D.P.W. that the de-

molition is desirable. The point

is that in practical housing, one

needs to know at least a month

before the notice expires as to

whether it will be necessary

to quit or not. I am

sure owners will not delay in

letting their tenants know when

their proposed demolition is ruled

desirable. Unless they are made

to inform the tenants as soon as

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MEXICO MARUFriday, 21st March.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

ARGON MARUSunday, 2nd March.

BUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang)Thursday, 8th March.

SAIGON, HANGKONG & SINGAPORE.

BUSBO MARUMonday, 3rd March.

CARUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

GANGERS MARUWednesday, 13th March.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, PACIFIC & YANCOVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARUSunday, 17th Apr.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ALASKA MARUBeginning of March.

JAPAN PORTS—Mol, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama and Nagoya.

KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOYThursday, 6th March.

AMAKUSA MARUSunday, 2nd Mar. at 11 a.m.

TAIKO MARUSunday, 8th Mar. at 11 a.m.

TAIKO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARUThursday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.

TAIKO AND KEELUNG.

KWAPU MARUWednesday, 8th March.

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Apr. 2—E. & A. Eastern.

18—N.Y.K. Yoshino Maru.

May 20—E. & A. Eastern.

July 20—E. & A. Eastern.

Aug. 27—E. & A. Eastern.

Mar. 1—N.Y.K. Sajo Maru.

1—B. I. Pans.

1—N.Y.K. Yur Maru.

2—O.S.N. Namtang.

2—B. I. Japan.

3—L. T. Yonaka.

3—O.S.K. Kotsu Maru.

6—O.S.N. Fookmang.

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8—P. & O. China.

10—P. & O. Nellore.

12—L. T. Gerty.

12—B. I. Kotsu.

12—B. I. Torilla.

13—N.Y.K. Komo Maru.

13—J.O.L. Tjikini.

13—N.Y.K. Yoshino Maru.

13—P. & O. Pansang.

13—P. & O. Shinyo Maru.

13—P. & O. O. Lopez Y Lopez.

May 2—P. & O. Eastern.

6—T.E.K. Siberia Maru.

16—P. & O. Kashgar.

29—P. & O. Morocco.

June 7—E. & A. Arakura.

12—P. & O. Kotsu.

27—E. & A. Kotsu.

July 6—E. & A. St. Albans.

Mar. 10—U.S.S.B. West Nile.

14—T.E.K. Talyo Maru.

17—T.E.K. Talyo Maru.

Apr. 8—T.E.K. Korea Maru.

21—T.E.K. Shinyo Maru.

May 5—T.E.K. Siberia Maru.

Mar. 16—T.E.K. Talyo Maru.

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13—O.P.S. Express of Asia.

15—B. F. Achilla.

17—A. O. L. Pres. McKinley.

20—B. F. Express of Russia.

Apr. 12—O.P.S. Kaga Maru.

3—N.Y.K. Philoctetes.

9—B. F. Pres. Jackson.

10—A.O.L. Alabama Maru.

13—O.P.S. Express of Asia.

18—O.P.S. Express of Asia.

May 6—B. F. Tyndarus.

21—O.P.S. Express of Asia.

June 24—B. F. Achilla.

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MARATHON AT KOWLOON.

WON BY LIEUTENANT
ARMSTRONG.

Out of eighteen entrants for the annual marathon race organised by St. Andrew's Church Men's Association yesterday, only thirteen faced the starter. Corporal Noland, Pte. Eager, Police Sergeant Bradwell, B. G. Tibge (H.M.S. "Titan") and Pte S. W. Cleall did not compete.

Two previous winners, V. C. Bell of the Submarines and A. Mair were greatly fancied, but as the race turned out, both had to give way to a new winner, Lieut. C. D. Armstrong, M.C., of the East Surrey who covered the scheduled 6.1 miles in 35 minutes 40 seconds, 13 seconds slower than Bell's record last year. Yesterday, Bell was overcome by a sharp pain in the chest and after making two plucky attempts to continue, had to give up the chase very soon after the start.

Towards the end of the race near Bailey's shipyard at Hung-hom, with only five runners left, the contest rested between Lieut. Armstrong, G. R. More and Mair who kept close together until they passed over the railway bridge into Chatham Road when Mair took a slight lead. In Middle Road, going past Anzac House, More sprinted and went into first place, with Mair running second and Lieut. Armstrong third, only a few yards separating each of them. More was soon overtaken and passed by Armstrong who spurred and increased the distance between himself and More with every stride. Mair also found the hill trying and slowed up considerably. Lieut. Armstrong finished many yards ahead of the others and was warmly applauded on his success, as were also the second and third men in. The two others to finish were: fourth, Pte. Heaver and fifth, Pte. Heisterman.

At the end of the race the prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Vicar of the Church, the presentation taking place in the Church Hall. Before the presentation, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay said that this was the third annual event of the kind arranged by St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, and all would agree with him that it was the best of the three races. The race had come to stay, its popularity being shown by the large number of competitors this year who, he was pleased to note, included previous winners. Their participation was particularly welcome, for it increased the interest and rivalry. There was a saying that "It is not men mortals to command success," but he could say that they had done well to deserve it.

The trophies presented were:—
Cup presented by Sir Paul Chater.—Won by Lieut. Armstrong, M.C.
Cup presented by Mr. W. S. Bailey.—Won by Mr. G. R. More.
Cup presented by Mr. H. Penny.—Won by Mr. Mair.

MEMORIALS OF RE-ENTRY.

MR. POLLOCK'S QUERY ANSWERED.

A few days ago the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K. C. gave notice of his intention to ask the following question in the Legislative Council:—
"What is the policy of the Government in regard to cancellation of memorials of re-entry which has taken place in consequence of the breach of a covenant for building before a certain date?"
Replying yesterday afternoon, the Colonial Secretary said:—
"In practically every case in which the Government re-enters on land for breach of the building covenant an application is received from the lessee to have the memorial of re-entry cancelled. Every such application is carefully considered on its merits. The policy of the Government is not to cancel the re-entry unless the lessee can show either that he has been unable to fulfil the building covenant owing to circumstances over which he had no control, or that there are peculiar difficulties involved in preparing the land for building and that it is in the public interest to allow the lessee an extension of time. In either case it is the usual practice to make it a condition of the cancellation of the memorial of re-entry that the lessee shall pay a sum of money by way of fine, or that he shall pay penal rates assessed according to the circumstances."

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All Claims must reach us by 15th March, 1924, or they will not be recognised.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on the 7th March 1924 at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 10th March 1924, or they will not be recognised.

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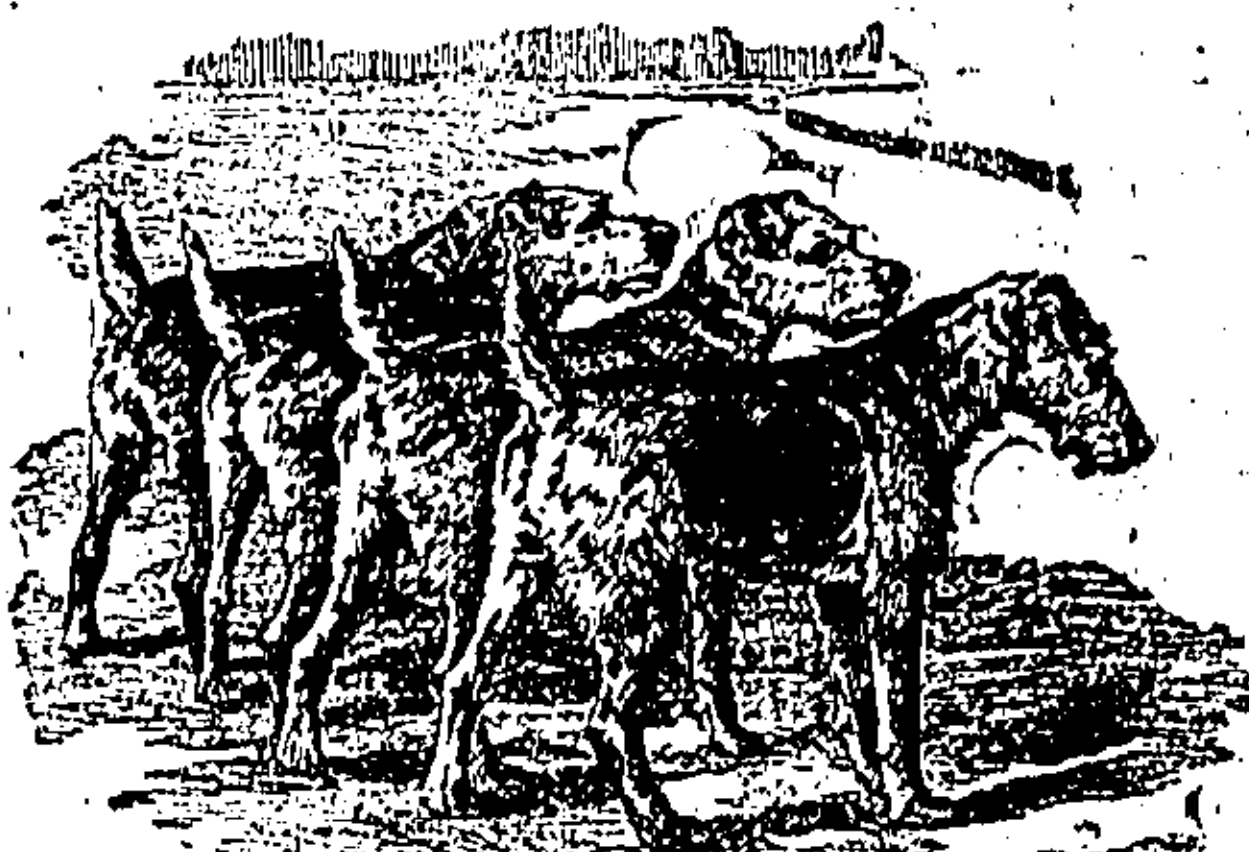
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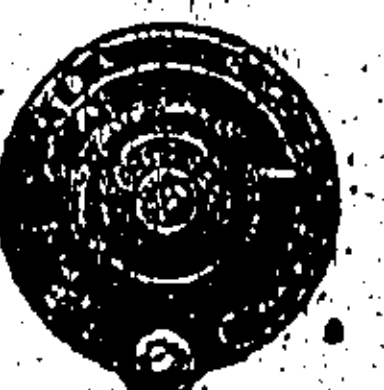
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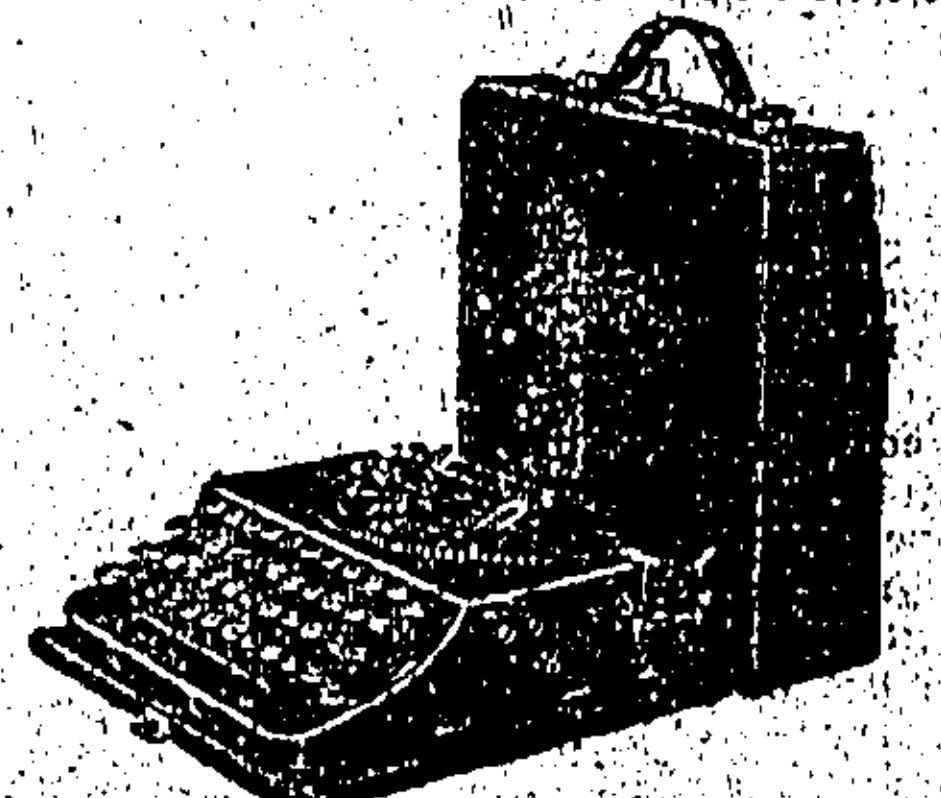
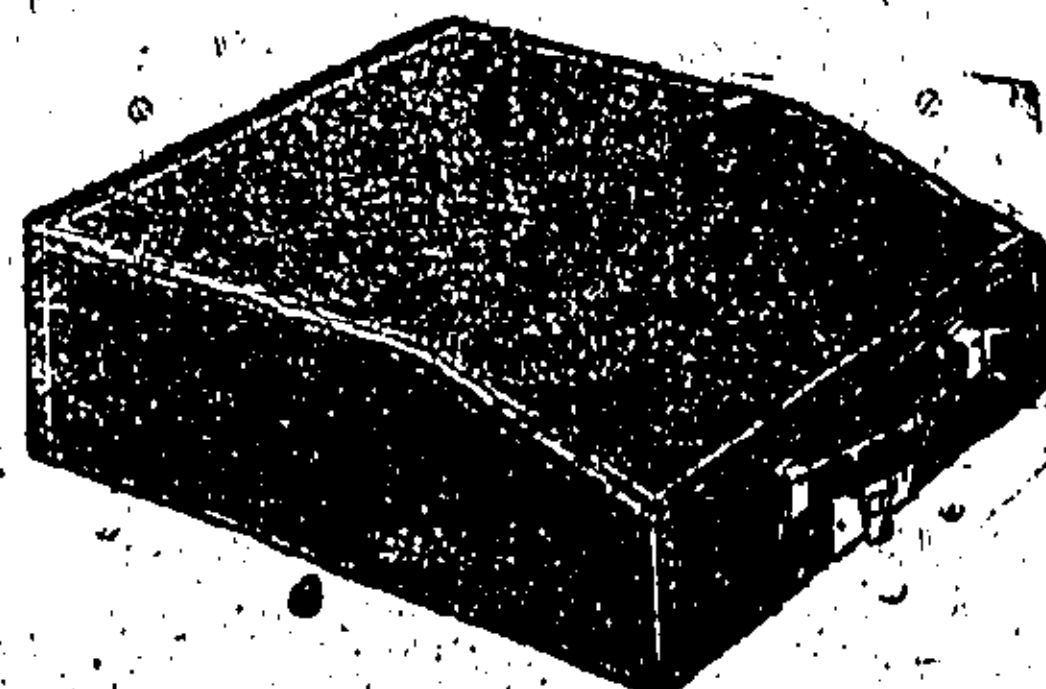
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